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1. U.S. Patent No. 6,217,969 issued April 17, 2001, to Takahashi et al.
2. JP 05-339057 published December 21, 1993, to Bridgestone Corp., with English Abstract.
3. JP 02-111663 published April 24, 1990, to Eagle Ind. Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.
4. JP 60-80295 published May 8, 1985, to Sumitomo Electric Industries.
5. JP 04-128369 published April 28, 1992, to Sumitomo Cement Co., Ltd., with English Abstract.
6. JP 08-183661 published July 16, 1996, to Kyocera Corp., with English Abstract.

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7. JP 05-070230 published March 23, 1993, to S I Tec:KK, with English Abstract.
8. JP 11-61394 published March 5, 1999, to Bridgestone Corp., with English Abstract.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following: U.S. patents and/or U.S. patent publications; and co-pending non-provisional U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003.

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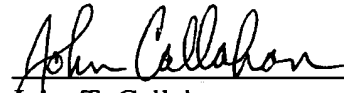
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